

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 577**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Cogdill**

February 21, 2001

An act relating to controlled substances.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 577, as introduced, Cogdill. Methamphetamine.

Existing law prohibits the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine and methamphetamine-related substances.

This bill would set forth legislative findings, declarations, and intent with respect to legislation effectively dealing with the problems resulting from the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine or methamphetamine-related substances.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature makes the following  
2 findings and declarations:

3 (1) In the year 2000, a total of more than 2,000 laboratories  
4 manufacturing methamphetamine, or methamphetamine-related  
5 substances, were discovered in California.

6 (2) Eighty percent of all the methamphetamine manufactured  
7 in the United States is manufactured in California.

8 (3) In the Central Valley of California, social workers estimate  
9 that 90 percent of the 20,000 cases in which a child is removed  
10 from a parent and placed in foster care is due to a

1 methamphetamine-related offense by the parent, and in the  
2 majority of cases involving a drug-related death of a child, the drug  
3 involved is methamphetamine.

4 (4) Thousands of gallons of toxic waste from labs  
5 manufacturing methamphetamine or methamphetamine-related  
6 substances are dumped into California's rivers and irrigation  
7 canals and on to some of the nation's richest farmland in  
8 California, and California taxpayers spend ten million dollars  
9 (\$10,000,000) a year on efforts to clean up this toxic waste.

10 (5) Of the 2,300 inmates in state prisons for manufacturing  
11 controlled substances, most are incarcerated for manufacturing  
12 methamphetamine or methamphetamine-related substances and  
13 the costs to the taxpayers of this state include not only the cost of  
14 incarceration of the inmates, at more than twenty-one thousand  
15 dollars (\$21,000) per inmate per year, for a total cost of forty-nine  
16 million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$49,700,000) per year,  
17 but also the cost of enforcing the provisions prohibiting the  
18 manufacture of these controlled substances by the Bureau of  
19 Narcotic Enforcement and the Department of Justice, for a total  
20 cost of seventy-seven million nine hundred thousand dollars  
21 (\$77,900,000) as provided in last year's budget.

22 (b) It is the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation that will  
23 effectively deal with the problems outlined in subdivision (a)  
24 resulting from the illegal manufacture of methamphetamine or  
25 methamphetamine-related substances.

